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- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO-1449; and
- 3. Translation of French Patent 791,607.

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before this Office, enclosed is a copy of the document cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. This document is the English language translation of French Patent 791,607, which was submitted to this Office in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated February 10, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and return it to applicants' attorney.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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